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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: NTB'S

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1. FOLLOWING ARE COMMODITIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY, OR HAVE BEEN IN RECENT PAST, SUBJECT TO IRISH NOT-TARIFF BARRIERS:

A. TOBACCO PRODUCTS. TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OR QUOTA CONTROLS. TARIFF IS APPLIED AND IS BEING BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH CXT.

B. HOSIERY. GLOBAL IMPORT QUOTA OF SIX MILLION PAIRS OF HOSE, WHOLLY OR MAINLY OF SILK OR MAN-MADE FIBER AND OF VALUE NOT EXCEEDING 2.50 POUNDS PER DOZEN APIRS, IS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT BUT WILL BE ELIMINATED ENTIRELY ON JULY 1, 1975. THIS NTB WAS AIMED PRIMARILY AT CHEAP IMPORTS FROM EASTERN EUROPE AND ASIA AND HAD LITTLE OR NO EFFECT ON US EXPORTS. THIS AND SIMILAR NTB'S ARE ADMINISTERED BY IRISH CUSTOMS.

C. BICYCLE TIRES AND TUBES. FOR PERIOD FEBRUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 1975 IMPORTATION OF BICYCLE TIRES AND TUBES IS LIMITED TO 200 ITEMS, UNLESS RPT UNLESS THEY ARE PRODUCED IN ONE OF 28 LISTED COUNTRIES INCLUDING U.S. QUOTA IS AIMED AT EASTERN EUROPEAN AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASIAN PRODUCERS OF THESE PRODUCTS AND U.S. TRADE NOT AFFECTED.

D. SUPERPHOSPHATES. FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1974 QUOTA FOR SUPERPHOSPHATES "FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE UNITED KINGDOM" WAS 13,140 LONG TONS (DOUBLE QUOTA FOR PREVIOUS YEAR). U.S. HAS NOT BEEN SUPPLIER AT LEAST SINCE 1960 SO HAS LITTLE IMPACT ON U.S. EXPORTS. FURTHER, U.S. NOT MAJOR SOURCE OF OTHER NONQUOTA FERTILIZERS EXCEPT FOR MURIATE OF POTASH IN 1960'S. QUOTA ORIGINALLY AIMED AT EAST EUROPEAN SOURCES. QUOTA WILL BE ELIMINATED JULY 1, 1975. QUOTA FOR FINAL PERIOD, JANUARY/JUNE IS 8,760 LONG TONS.

E. FOOTWEAR. IMPORT QUOTAS TOTALLY ELIMINATED.

F. ELECTRIC FILAMENT LIGHT BULBS. IMPORT QUOTAS ELIMINATED.

G. LAMINATED SPRINGS FOR VEHICLES. FOR FINAL PERIOD OF THIS QUOTA, JULY 1, 1974/JUNE 30, 1975, IMPORTS OF CERTAIN LAMINATED SPRINGS AND COMPONENT PARTS TO THE VALUE OF 200,000 POUNDS STERLING PERMITTED. NO BREAKDOWN OF SOURCES OF IMPORTS AVAILABLE BUT MAIN PURPOSE THIS QUOTA TO PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRY. TO BE ELIMINATED JULY 1, 1975.

H. SPARK PLUGS. JULY 1, 1974/JUNE 30, 1975 QUOTA FOR CERTAIN SPARK PLUGS AND METAL COMPONENT PARTS AUTHORIZES IMPORTATION OF 1.25M. ARTICLES. SOURCES OF IMPORTS NOT AVAILABLE FROM STATISTICS. ONE OF TWO KNOWN MANUFACTURERS IN IRELAND IS U.S. CONNECTED. QUOTA TO BE ELIMINATED JULY 1, 1975.

I. BRUSHES, BROOMS AND MOPS. TWO QUOTAS INVOLVED. QUOTA ORDER NO. 28 SETS AT 660,000 ARTICLES QUANTITY OF MISCELLANEOUS BRUSHES OF A VALUE OF 1.50 POUNDS STERLING PER DOZEN PERMITTED DURING PERIOD JULY 1, 1974/JUNE 30, 1975. FOR SAME PERIOD QUOTA ORDER NO. 53 PERMITS IMPORTATION OF 2.2 MILLION ARTICLES OF A VALUE OF LESS THAN 1.50 POUNDS STERLING PER DOZEN. IN THE CATEGORY OF "OTHER BRUSHES, BROOMS AND MOPS" THE U.S. HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MAIN SOURCES OF IMPORTS SINCE 1969. THE QUANTITIES, TOTAL IMPORTS IN PARENTHESES, FROM THE U.S. OVER FIVE YEAR PERIOD ARE AS FOLLOWS: DOZENS: 1969 - 183,456 (507,825); 1970 - 126,936 (435,397); 1971 - 171,677 (803,328); 1972 - 132,015; (699,572) 1973 - 210,090 (609,438). THESE QUOTAS DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE AFFECTED U.S. EXPORTS ADVERSELY. QUOTA WILL BE ELIMINATED JULY 1, 1975. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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J. TEXTILE GOODS. QUOTAS 51 AND 52. U.S. NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTED. THE COMMENTS IN ATTACHMENT 2 OF REF (A) ARE STILL VALID. HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME IRISH REPRESENTATIVES ARE IN BRUSSELS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TO CUT IMPORTS OF TEXTILES (ALSO FOOTWEAR AND FURNITURE) FROM THE FAR EAST WHICH ARE THREATENING IRISH INDUSTRY. IMPORTS FROM KOREA ARE SAID TO POSE THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM. THESE QUOTAS ARE DUE FOR ELIMINATION ON JULY 1, 1977.

K. MOTOR VEHICLES. NTB AS DESCRIBED IN APPENDIX TO REF. (A) IS COMPLETE AND CORRECT. IN ANY EVENT, IRISH MARKET FOR U.S. AUTOMOBILES IS VERY LIMITED DUE TO SIZE AND COST OF U.S. VEHICLES. IN OUR VIEW TRADE DAMAGE TO U.S., WHILE DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE, IS PROBABLY MINIMAL.

2. GOI ORDERS COVERING FOREGOING QUOTAS WERE ISSUED UNDER POWERS CONFERRED BY CONTROL OF IMPORTS ACTS, 1934 TO 1964.

3. U.S. NTB'S THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO IRELAND ARE THOSE COVERING DAIRY PRODUCTS, PRINCIPALLY CHEESE AND CHOCOLATE CRUMB. ALSO OF INTEREST TO THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IS THE PROPOSED VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT ON BEEF EXPORTS TO THE U.S., WHICH WOULD LIMIT THE IRISH SHARE TO ABOUT 15,400 METRIC TONS PER ANNUM. IN THE PAST IRELAND HAS EXPORTED AS MUCH AS 30,000 TONS OF BEEF IN A YEAR. IRISH POSITION ON THIS IS OUTLINED IN PAPER LEFT WITH DEPARTMENT DURING FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON JANUARY 8.

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